

The NC State Board of Elections

Special Edition of the 2010 Judicial Voter Guide

This Guide supplements one sent earlier with a blue cover that profiles candidates in other appellate court races.

What is this Special Edition? A vacancy on the state court adds another office to the ballot and a new way to vote.

A judge left the NC Court of Appeals in August to take a seat on the federal court. Under the NC Constitution, the vacant office must be filled by an election this November. Thirteen candidates are running for the office (*profiles inside*). It's too late to hold a primary. Under

NC law, this election will use an Instant Runoff Voting method. Voters indicate who they prefer among the candidates at the "Instant" they vote, by ranking as many as three choices 1, 2, and 3. If your 1st choice loses, your 2nd or 3rd choice could help determine who wins.

How do I use Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)? The IRV election is part of the regular ballot. For help, ask an elections official.

First Column

Mark your 1st choice in Column 1. Choose the candidate you most want to win as your 1st choice.



Second Column

Mark a different candidate as your 2nd choice in Column 2. This is a back-up choice in case your 1st choice loses.



Third Column

You may mark a 3rd choice in Column 3. This choice should be different from your 1st and 2nd choices.



Important

You may rank less than three candidates by leaving columns blank.

If you select the same candidate in more than one column, your vote for that candidate will only count once.

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Fill in one oval per choice		Your 2nd or 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice They will only be considered in a runoff if your 1st choice is not in the runoff
1st ↓ Mark your 1st choice here	2nd ↓ Mark your 2nd choice here	3rd ↓ Mark your 3rd choice here
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Benjamin Franklin	<input type="radio"/> Benjamin Franklin	<input type="radio"/> Benjamin Franklin
<input type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Thomas Jefferson
<input type="radio"/> Betsy Ross	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Betsy Ross	<input type="radio"/> Betsy Ross
<input type="radio"/> George Washington	<input type="radio"/> George Washington	<input type="radio"/> George Washington

For paper ballot: Fill in the oval for each of your choices.

For touch-screen voters: The ballot design follows the same pattern with one column for each choice.

Your 2nd and 3rd choices are back-up choices. They are only looked at if your 1st choice is eliminated.

If no candidate gets a majority of 1st choices, then the two candidates with the most 1st choices go into an "instant runoff." If your 1st choice is in the runoff, he or she gets your vote. But if your 1st choice is not in the runoff, your back-up choices are reviewed to see if you marked one of the candidates who is in the runoff. Your vote goes to the runoff candidate you ranked highest on your ballot.